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Enclosed is a Second Information Disclosure Statement, European Search Report, Form PTO-1449 and 10 Cited References for the above-identified patent application.

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The references which are listed on Form PTO-1449 are listed on the attached European Search Report.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office, a copy of which is enclosed, in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialled copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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